

dusting and watching in multi-storeyed buildings in public sector undertakings; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations made by the Board and what action Government have taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA): (a) and (b) The Central Advisory Contact Labour Board at its Sixth Meeting held at New Delhi on May 24, 1976 recommended that contract labour system should be abolished for sweeping, cleaning, dusting and watching, but excluding outside cleaning and other maintenance operations requiring specialised experience in multi-storeyed buildings owned/occupied by public sector Banks, Reserve Bank of India, Air India, Indian Airlines Corporation, and such other similar organisations which fall under the Central Sphere. The recommendation has already been brought to the notice of the authorities concerned. The question of issuing the necessary notification in this regard is being examined in consultation with the concerned authorities.

Salem Steel Plant

300. SHRI M. KADERSHAH: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction work on Salem Steel Plant is hampered due to inadequate allocation of funds;

(b) by when the Plant is expected to be commissioned; and

(c) what is the position of other steel plants proposed to be set up in the Southern States?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Detailed Project Report submitted by the consultants is now under scrutiny by the Steel Authority of India Ltd. and a decision on the commissioning of the Plant can be taken only after the DPR is received and examined in this Department.

(c) The Detailed Project Reports for the Visakhapatnam Steel Project and the Vijayanagar Steel Project are under preparation by M/s Dasturco and MECON, respectively, and are expected to be ready by March 1977.

Indo-Bangladesh-China collaboration to control Brahmaputra River

301. SHRIMATI SARASWATI PRADHAN:
SHRI NABIN CHANDRA BURAGOHAIN:
SHRI KRISHNA BAHADUR CHETTRI:
DR. RAJAT KUMAR CHAKRA-BARTI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any attempts have so far been made to control the Brahmaputra river by the collaboration of the riparian countries, viz India, Bangladesh and China;

(b) if so, with what results; and

(c) if not, whether any initiative is proposed to be taken by the Government of India in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIR (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.